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Many thanks to the following parents, organizations and businesses for making the 1997 Drug/Alcohol-Free All-Night Graduation Party a success

THANK YOU

All Parents of the 1997 Graduating Senior Class
for their thousands of volunteer hours and generous financial support

The Parent Volunteers from the Junior Class
for their help and support on the day of the party

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The 1997 All-Night Senior Party Steering Committee
for their thousands of volunteer hours and dedication to their graduates:

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Candy Puterbaugh
Karen Radditz
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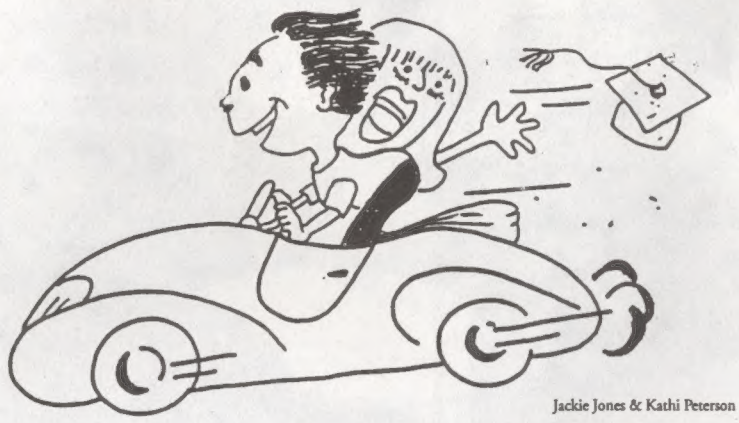

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Jackie Jones
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SPECIAL CONSTITUTION THANKS

To the Lincoln High Community:

For 10 years it has been my privilege to teach at Lincoln. This has been one of the great experiences of my life.

I have decided, however, that it is time to move on and volunteer at the school my children will soon attend, so that they may, with luck, enjoy academic excellence similar to yours.

While my thanks is to the entire community at Lincoln, I would like to single out certain people specifically.

Harold Canfield Hart, my wonderful friend and mentor, has taught me more about life, family, community and law than I imagined anyone knew. Standing by him and teaching with him has inspired me personally and professionally. His friendship has sustained me, and will continue to be a source of great strength.

Christopher Ray Hardman is my friend, adviser, and co-conspirator. I cannot imagine what this experience would have been like without him and his excellent sense of humor. His friendship, and Hal's, are the two greatest treasures I leave with.

David Bailey is a teacher of skill and devotion who inspires me in my own work. It has been fun watching him, and I've always learned when I do.

Mrs. Velma Johnson and the faculty have been gracious and welcoming to me. I can only watch and marvel at the wonderful work they do here.

Finally, our students who are too numerous to mention, have given me friendships, inspiration, hardwork, and lots of laughs. Each of you is a unique and special memory. I am so proud of you all.

Thank you, Lincoln!

Chuck Sparks,
Constitution Team

TIME Flies 1993-1997

'93-'94

FRESHMAN YEAR

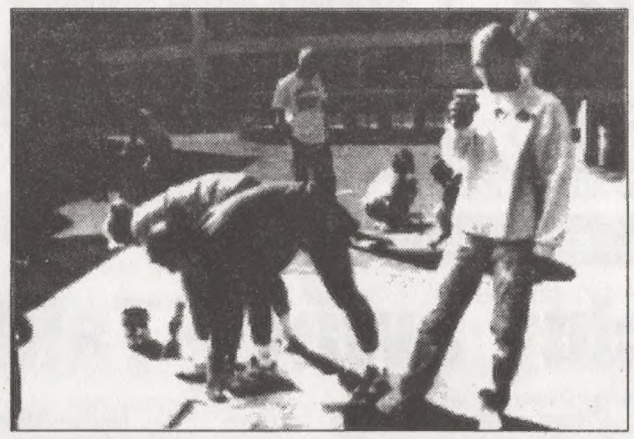
September: The freshman, sophomore, and junior halls are integrated. Eating in the halls is ruled out. Due to popular demand, the policy is lifted later in the year.
November: Lincoln adopts a sexual harassment policy after Clarence Thomas hearings.
April, 26, 1994: Lincoln celebrates 125th Anniversary (founded in 1869).
May: Constitution team takes second in national competition.
June: Lincoln's Joy Lawrence is crowned Rose Festival Queen. Lawrence was also the only female football player in the PIL

'94-'95

SOPHOMORE YEAR

November: Tri-Met fence construction begins.
December: Project ABE begins. Bento hits the cafeteria!
March: Mock Trial wins the state championship for the first time in eight years.
May: Mega-reunion brings 1,500 alums to gather and celebrate the 125th anniversary of Lincoln's opening
June: Larisa Pennington is crowned Queen of Rosaria, and for the first time Lincoln has back-to-back Rose Festival Queens.
Notable: Football team's 4-5 record is the best in the last nine years. Lincoln girls' track team wins State.

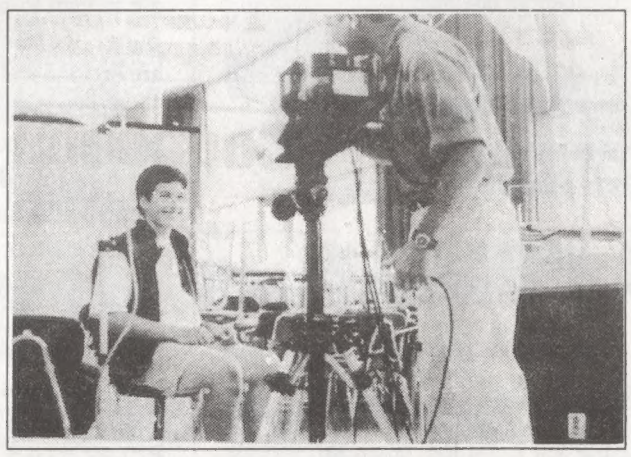
▲ **On the campaign trail:** Todd Merkens, Simon Thomas, Kumba Yambasu, and Dave Heald show their support at the September Clinton-Gore rally in Lownsdale Park.



▲ **Leaving their mark:** Meagan Thompson, Christa Clark, Alex Stange, Jenna Burrell, and Joanna Cutler paint the patio as part of the annual senior ritual.

▶ **Playing a tune:** Mobile Sole band members Noah Teicher, Evan Hansen, David Senders, Sam Hopkins, and Darvey Santner play during a lunchtime concert.

▶ **Cheese!** Alex Hughes poses for his school photo during freshman orientation in September, 1993.
▼ **'Fence of the ages:'** After four years of blood, sweat, and tears, the Lincoln Fence is unveiled on May 9, 1996. The fence is a joint production between approximately 140 art students and Tri-Met-commissioned artist Caroline King. Some 850 tiles inspired by old yearbook photos were created for the fence.



'95-'96

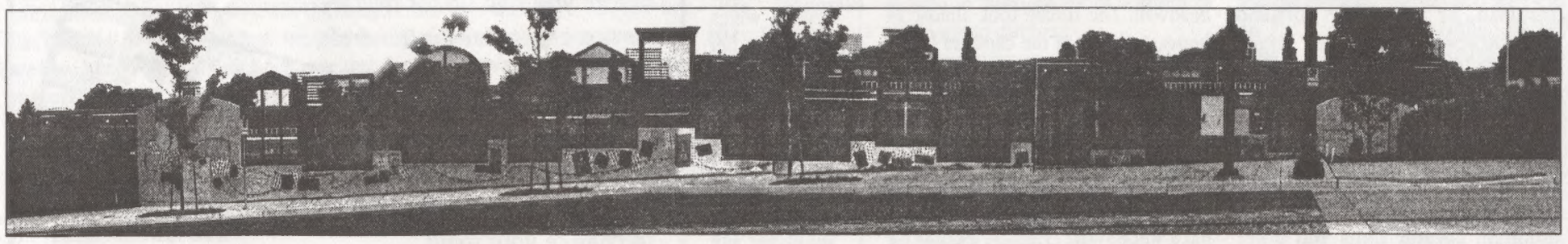
JUNIOR YEAR

September: Lincoln surpasses enrollment expectations. Hall pass policy introduced, Spanish-immersion begins.
December: New block schedule entails 20-minute break.
January: School district metal detector policy causes commotion.
March: Teacher negotiations reach impasse, over 400 FTE cut in district.
April: Twenty Lincoln positions cut or unassigned.
May: Constitution team returns home with National title.
June: June 1, March for Education, tens of thousands march from Rose Garden to Lincoln in support of public education.

'96-'97

SENIOR YEAR

September: Lincoln cafeteria introduces the Coyote Grill ("You'll howl for more").
December: Seven members of 1996 national champion Constitution team present to members of Congress and Supreme Court. Constitution team celebrates tenth anniversary with reunion.
April: Adrian Williams is crowned Lincoln's first Rose Festival "Ambassador," as the "princess" label is removed from the title.
May: Constitution team brings home the bronze from Nationals.
Notable: Boys' golf, girls' swimming, cross country, track and field win district titles.



FACES IN THE *crowd*

SENIOR PROFILES

JOE BARTELS

A rebel with a cause

For Joe Bartels, weekends are war.

Bartels is the Senior Corporal of the 1st Maryland Cavalry, Company B, of the Confederate States of America.

With over 800 Oregonians, Bartels re-enacts battles of the Civil War, dressed in full uniform. He joined the Confederate Army the summer of his sophomore year.

The re-enactments are set up almost exactly like an authentic camp from the Civil War, with participants being given such duties as fetching water and firewood, and cleaning up the camp. "I enjoy living like it was in 1863," Bartels said. "I just love the Civil War."

Zach Vanderkooy

Johnny Reb: Confederate officers look on as a regiment charges a hill.

MARISSA NIELSEN-PINCUS

She's dancing away

Many seniors have the dream of traveling to far away places after high-school, and many seek further education in a subject that interests them. But few have the chance to do both.

This September, Marissa Nielsen-Pincus will travel to the London Studio Center to study ballet with 300 other students from around the world.

"I am really excited just to be there with dancers from all over the world." she explained.

Pincus takes time out from her three lessons per week to participate in Oregon Ballet School, where she dances at middle and elementery schools. "It's rewarding to see them trying to imitate our movements," she said.

AARON KNOTT

Arguing to win

Aaron Knott says he debates because he likes the sound of his own voice. Apparently, he isn't the only one.Knott has won 31 debates and four tournaments since February. In a row.

During this streak, he has qualified for Nationals in two events, won the State championship and its largest invitational in Lincoln-Douglas debate, placed second in the state in two individual events, and led his team to a second-place finish at State.

"I have high hopes for Nationals this year," said Knott, who also attended the tournament last year.

Knott's individual success hasn't clouded his concern for the team, which elected him team president last fall.

BRYAN YOUNGS

Help to the rescue

For years, Bryan Youngs has been interested in mountaineering and being able to survive in harsh conditions. "I wanted to learn how to climb safe." As a freshman, he joined the Portland Mountain Rescue Explorer Post. Being a part of this Explorer Post, which is co-sponsored by the Boy Scouts and Portland Mountain Rescue, involved learning about avalanche danger, victim recovery, survival techniques, high angle rock and ice rescue and how to use Mountain Locator Units and other tranceivers.

A few years ago, on Mt. Hood, Youngs became a part of a major rescue operation. Two members of his climbing party fell 2,000 feet down the Wy'east headwall. The rescue took almost 14 hours, and one of the climbers nearly died. The incident helped motivate him to learn more about rescue and safety in the mountains. "It's a good feeling to get someone off the mountain alive."

Portland Mountain Rescue won't call anyone under the age of 18 for a rescue, but it will provide extensive training for 14-18-year-olds.

LINDSAY MALSIN

Taking time for others

Lindsay Malsin proves you don't have to be involved with school activities to make a difference in your community.

Malsin has been working for Cascade AIDS Project for five years. Helping in Peer-Teen Outreach, she speaks at Teen 2 Teen workshops, at elementery schools, and crisis centers or anywhere with at risk youth.

"It's pro-active, it's not complaining but doing, Malsin said, "With the vehicle of HIV, I can empower teens."

Last summer Malsin traveled to Washington D.C. to the National Teen HIV Conference, which was sponsored by the Ryan White Foundation.

She was one of 50 people who made speeches in front of a crowd of 200, and was featured in the Washington Post. "Our program is widely known throughout the U.S., and Portland receives a lot of good press because of it," she said.

Malsin is adamant about the fact that she rarely participates in school activities but is still able to help and assist with the lives of others.

"I think it's so important that you don't have to be involved in school to make a difference," she said. "People, I think, are dissillusioned and don't look beyond their school."

JENNA BURRELL

Taking a byte out of life

HTML. Huh? *Fractals*. Say what? Such terms are foreign to most people, but to senior Jenna Burrell, the many dimensions of computer science are exciting and vibrant.

Burrell designed and maintains her own web page, titled "Cool and Useful Student Resources." She constructed it in 1995, using instructions she found on the Internet.

Since then, her site (www.teleport.com/~burrell) has counted over 17,000 visits. "I wanted to help people find web sites to help with research for school papers," she explained.

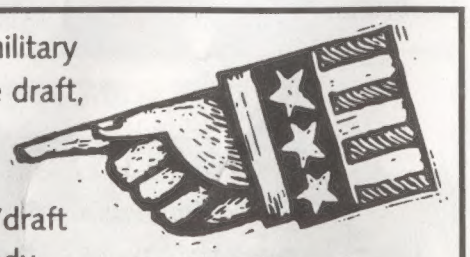
It has caught the attention of many, including the people at Princeton Review, which have listed her page under their "Top Sites," and Time Inc., who published a paragraph about her site in their new book.

Recently, she was selected for the Intel Honors Internship Program and will work for the next four summers at the Intel Corporation in Hillsboro. "I'm going to be designing web pages for the automation department. I can't say much else; it's top secret," she winked.

Burrell cites music and rock climbing as two of her passions. She has made her mark at Lincoln as an MUN ambassador, a member of the Lincoln Singers, and as the pianist for the play, "Pippen."

She will attend Cornell University this fall, where she will study art and computer science.

Before you sign up for military service or register for the draft, **get the facts.**
If you have questions, talk to a trained military/draft counselor. If you've already signed up, it's not too late to change your mind.



NW Military & Draft Counseling 238-0605. Ask for John.

Heads of the Class

Lincoln's tradition of academic excellence continues with all time highs of 16 Top Scholars and 24 International Baccalaureate full diploma candidates graduating with the Class of 1997.

IB candidates set Lincoln record

PARTING shots

THE BEST PART OF IB...

"The mad parties I participated in to defeat the myth that IB 'kids' don't have a social life."
-Adam Ingram-Goble

"The taste of strong herbal tea at 4:00 in the morning."
-Peter Ingebretson

"The women!!!"
-Matt Schwartz

THE WORST PART OF IB...

"Still having to do Health and Personal Finance."
-Joshua Dunham

"Zero period."
-Daniel Pollack-Pelzner

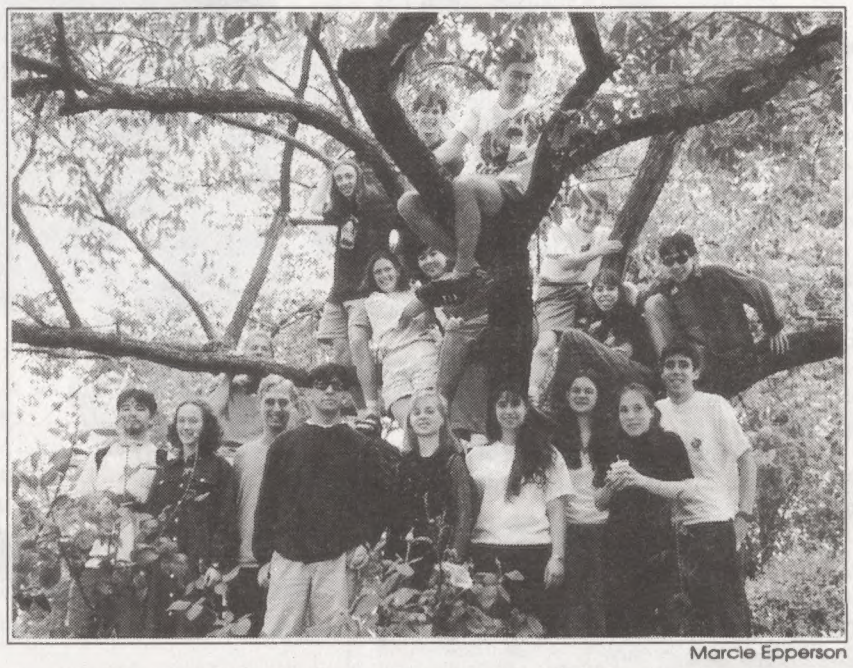
This year's full diploma IB class makes school history with 23 students

The average college student is required to take four college level courses per term. For Lincoln's International Baccalaureate full diploma candidates, that requirement is raised to six college level classes per semester.

For over two years, 23 members of Lincoln's Class of '97 have worked to meet extra expectations as part of the IB program. A 4,500 word original research essay, 15 hours of testing and 150 hours of community service were all needed to obtain the special diploma.

Candidates will learn about their test results in mid-July. Until then, they are only candidates for diplomas. IB coordinator Sally Scholz feels confident in their ability to obtain the diplomas. "The keys are being bright, hardworking, and well organized. They've got to be able to know how to do six college level courses," she said. "These kids are all of those; being very strong academically, well-rounded, and versatile."

Unfortunately, the IB program has come close to being cut in recent years as school officials try to stretch dollars with the ongoing budget struggles. Scholz hopes the program can be continued, calling it the "best post-secondary curriculum there is to offer."



Marcie Epperson

Top Notch - The IB Candidates. (Top row, from left)Soren Heitmann-Kern, Josh Dunham, Kenji Spielman. (Second row) Sarah McAllister, Hoon-Jung Kim, Peter Ingebretson, Jenna Burrell, Chris Braun, Lindsay Mico. (Bottom row) Adam Ingram-Goble, Elisabeth Laney, Jed Peterson, Daniel Pollack-Pelzner, Catherine Rockwood, Andrea Saxe, Ashley Burt, Lisa Rosenbaum, Todd Merkens. Not pictured: Anastasia Flevaris, Will Hawkins, Lamont Tang, Allan Schulte, Matt Schwartz.

Class funds reach all-time high

Few class cabinets can boast having over $10,000 in revenues at the end of their senior year. However, the Senior Class cabinet can do just that.

After money raised freshman and sophomore year was combined with profits from last year's prom and the Homecoming Dance last fall, the class found itself with over $10,000.

While some of the money was used to fund the Senior Breakfast on Tuesday and the Senior T-shirts, the remainder will be used for a class gift.

Besides the Senior Breakfast and the Homecoming Dance, the class cabinet's efforts throughout the year have been focused on the May Fete assembly. The cabinet also funded an assembly about drunk driving earlier this year.

Class president Lisa Rosenbaum attributes much of the success of these projects to the class itself. "The whole class is always really supportive and willing to help out," she said. "It's more fun for us when everyone else is having fun with it."

Senior Class Cabinet

President - Lisa Rosenbaum
Vice President - Kenji Spielman
Secretary - Lindsay King
Treasurer - Althea Rodgers
Historian - Jillian Nichols
Class Representatives - Amon Milner & Gina Pieretti
Executive Representatives - Nolan Lienhart & Mara Kennedy

TOP SCHOLARS

With a record 16 Top Scholars sharing the top GPAs of the Class of '97, Lincoln "caught a wave" of extraordinary students, according to Vice Principal Larry Dashiel.

Marcie Epperson

Setting the pace - The Top Scholars. (Top row, from left) Dayna Schatz, Lauren Wiener, Rebekah Cook, Meghan McCarthy, Hoon-Jung Kim, Lisa Rosenbaum, Daniel Pollack Pelzner. (Bottom row) Katrina Norsworthy, Sara Barker, Thea Handelman, Joe Bingold, Noah Teicher. Not pictured: Cam Madill, Alistar Ono, Dave Peixotto, Eli Zackheim.

What's in th CARD

A-B

TESSIE LAVONNE ADAMS .....Mount Hood Community College
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HEATHER ATKINS.....Tulane University
NORAH KATE BACKMAN .....Portland Community College
SARAH R. BANKSON-ESPINOZA .....Mount Hood Community College
VICTOR O. BANNERMAN.....Seattle Pacific University
SARA A. BARKER.....Carleton College
KIRSTEN A. BARKOST..... University of Oregon
JOSEPH BARTELS.....Davidson College
JOHN BATES .....Univ. of Oregon/Clark Honors College
JESSICA BAUMAN.....Georgetown University
KENDALL C. BEAUDRY..... University Of Montana
TILEAH M. A. BEGAY ..... Clackamas Community College
NICHOLAS BIANCHI.....Eastern Oregon State College
JOSEPH W. BINGOLD ..... Massachusetts Institute of Technology
ANN BLALOCK.....University of Oregon
JOHN BLALOCK.....Travel
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ATIRA I. CASBURN.....Academy of Art College
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KRISTA CLARK.....University of Montana
TOBY COGHILL ..... Portland Community College
REBEKAH COOK..... Willamette University
JESSE Z. CORUM..... Macalaster College
JENNIFER COSTA..... Howard University
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KURT CURTIS.....Santa Clara University
JOANNA CUTLER..... Whitman College

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KENDALL A. DODD..... University of Oregon
TADASHI DOZONO..... .....Wesleyan University
LINDSAY B. DUNCAN.....University of Arizona
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JESSICA JOY ELLIS.....Sarah Lawrence College
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ANASTASIA FLEVARIS.....Reed College
IAN M. FLOOD.....Carroll College
SCOTT FORTIER.....Military
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SARA FREEMAN..... Gettysburg College
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JOSEPH A. GILLOCK.....Evergreen State College
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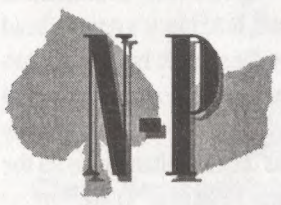

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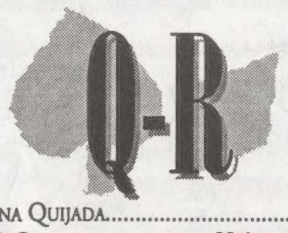

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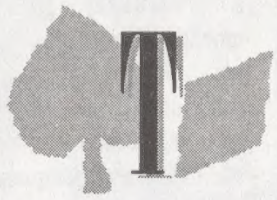

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Senior Survey

Most likely to

succeed:
Lisa Rosenbaum, Tawan Davis

make a million:
Ali Kinney, Joe Bingold

lose a million:
Sara Freeman, Ford Montgomery

take over a third world country:
Adrian Williams, Soren Heitman-Kern

write a best selling novel:
Katherine Liebman, Matt Schwartz

be an American Gladiator:
Gina Pieretti, Brian Mintie

be a compulsive gambler:
Sara Freeman, Matt Schwartz

win a Nobel Prize:
Jenna Burrell, Peter Ingebretson

The Most

inspirational:
Lisa Rosenbaum, Tawan Davis

all-American:
Katrina Norsworthy, Kurt Curtis

artistic:
Lindsay King, Sean McElroy

funny:
Demaree Raveaux, Peter Rosenbaum

hard working:
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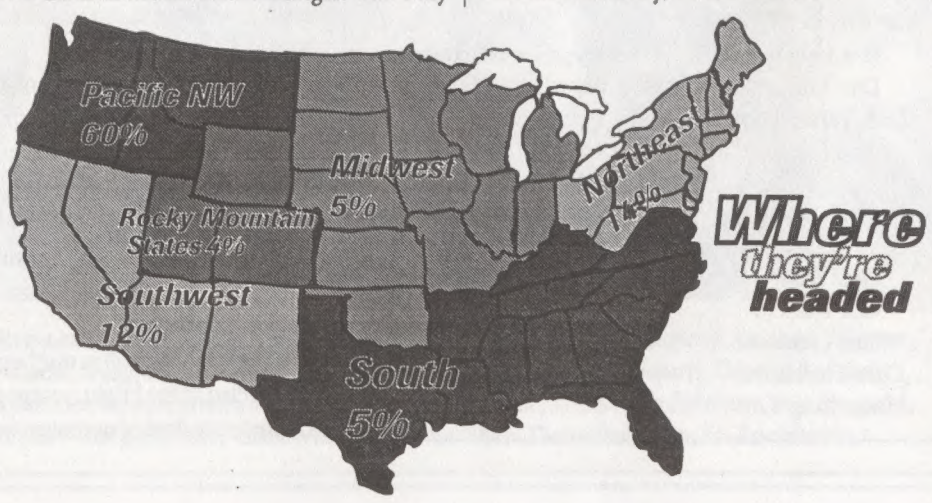

Our final thumbs

THUMBS UP TO:

- Teachers: You're the reason we are who we are.
- The Ultimate Frisbee League: We may have never shown for a regular-season game, but we're still one of the 12 best teams at Lincoln.
- Parents: Thanks for making us lunch for 15 years.

THUMBS DOWN TO:

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- Senior Class gift: The Senior Class is loaded with cash, and it can't spend it fast enough. Why not give out $500 scholarships to seniors?

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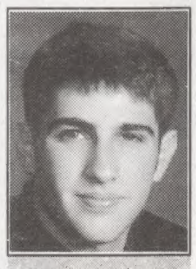
Life at Sitcom High



DAN LERNER
Nuke Dog

I can no longer look at this school through the rose-colored glasses I came in with my freshman year. No, the glasses are quite clear now, allowing me to adjust my expectations to a realistic level. Like any other kid with nothing better to do on a Saturday morning, I used to watch television. A lot of television. Words and number quantities couldn't possibly express how much television I watched.

I honestly believe TV may have created a preconceived notion of high school life. I thought Lincoln might be something like a corny Saturday morning high school program, and it would go something like this:

I head to the locker area where only the cool people like myself have lockers. For a while I hang out with my stereotypically cool friends. One of the girls I'm hanging with is cool, but is an activist who truly cares about the environment (she will later go on to star in a pornographic movie that isn't worth the price of admis... er...nevermind).

I see the principal walking down the hall, and I ask, "What's up Mrs. J?" with an air of cockiness in my voice. "I'm worried, Dan," she says. "We don't have enough funding to pay all the teachers or run many of the school's programs." Audience collectively sighs.

The gang and I are hanging around a lavishly decorated home, and we are down, because of Mrs. J's problem. "I know," I say. "We can auction ourselves off as dates and save the school!" The crisis is solved.

Unfortunately, my Lincoln experience has had some disturbing likenesses to this high school TV show (you've probably guessed by now, I'm referring to "The Twilight Zone").

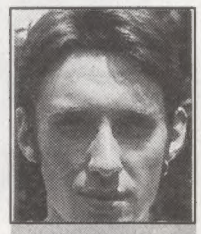
High school is clique-oriented by nature, and we students can easily acquire a narrow view of reality, worrying about things like fashion and beer rather than academics and...beer.

We're all probably better off sticking to a steady diet of cartoons and Seinfeld.

I now understand that a sitcom which really depicted high school would be a big flop. Seriously, who wants to watch a bunch of over-worked, college-obsessed, normal-looking people trying to make it through four years of virtual purgatory? Actually, we're all probably better off sticking to a steady diet of cartoons and Seinfeld.

Now we seniors approach another segment of life, and I'm sure some fine sitcom will depict it for us. I'm also sure that I will watch this sitcom, and develop completely new preconceived notions. The title will probably end with "The College Years." Where am I going with this, I have no idea....Maybe the TV show will tell me.

The final frontier



NICK BIANCHI
Moose Editor

For many of us, this time is an opportunity to reflect upon our wonderful experience at Lincoln; but more importantly to think about our future, whatever our plans may be. I have but a very short time to take a few last looks at the "lower 48." Less than 12 hours from the time I walk across the stage, I will be unpacking my bags in America's last great frontier with the nearest familiar face 1500 miles to the south. Unfathomable remoteness, miles from a town of any size.

With my '97 tassle still in my back pocket from the night before and with the taste of airline breakfast still fresh in my mouth, I will see for the first time the lodge that will be my home until September.

Only after this will I know where my urgent need to leave my home behind will have brought me. I know there will be nights when I'll stumble out of the kitchen after a 12 hour work day with the Alaskan sun just going down at half past 12, and remember the time Mr. Bailey humiliated a student who was five minutes late.

Lincoln alumni are found in every part of the globe and can be encountered at the most unexpected and sometimes inopportune moments (as experience has taught me). Always remember: never let fear of leaving your realm of familiarity keep you from exploring unsettled frontiers.

'Shepherd to lost sheep . . . '

Life, as they say, is like *The Dukes of Hazzard*. It's about surpassing obstacles, overcoming adversity, seeking justice, finding truth, and rerunning twice a day on The Nashville Network.

Though some may shrug off the multi-county antics of the Duke cousins as mere "television," the truly pensive will note the striking plethora of parallels between the epics of Hazzard County (which are the same every episode) and the situation in which we, the graduating class of 1997, now find ourselves.

So, as we speed off in our General Lees of life, clad in the bright orange paint and Confederate flags of optimism, we musn't ignore our families, who increasingly infrequently call out to us via CB radio: "Shepherd to lost sheep: Ya' got your ears on?" Yes, Uncle Jesse, our ears are always on.

And as the Goodyear tires on our General Lees kick up the dirt on the dusty roads of life, jumping over the ponds and grassy pits of societal bias and personal hardships, we must remember that there is no turning back. The doors are welded shut, and we have become too fat with maturity and knowledge to get out through the open window.

At times we doubted, but now we have successfully eluded the portly Boss Hogg of senioritis and overcame the Sheriff Roscoe P. Coltrane of boredom to complete our scholarly escape. We have dwelt in the Hazzard County of Lincoln for four great years, but now it's time to head off toward the Tennessee border of post-high school existence. Soon, the real world will be greeted by the sonorous euphony of our horns as they simultaneously fill the air with the first 11 bars of "Dixie."

So long, Class of '97, and remember to keep your ears on.

THE LAST WORD

As seniors cross the finish line after a relatively short four-year race, some staff members are moving on after a much longer journey

Sally Scholz

SOCIAL STUDIES

From Tehran, Iran to Room 142, social studies teacher Sally Scholz has always been excited about teaching. "I love being around people who love learning," she said.

Scholz came to Lincoln in the second half of 1976, after spending a year teaching at an International Baccalaureate school in Iran. Upon her return, Scholz was simultaneously offered jobs at Lincoln, Wilson, and Madison. She chose Lincoln, claiming student achievments as her reason.

A passion for coaching varsity soccer and basketball highlight Scholz's myriad activities in her 21 years at Lincoln. "As a soccer coach, I tended to be intense," she recalled. "I'd thrash around, kick my husband...but I loved it."

Perhaps Scholz will be remembered most for her impact on developing the humanites program. Along with Dr. Shirley Malcolm, a former Lincoln teacher who started the International Studies Center, and then Art Department Chairman Marilyn Petrequin, Scholz pioneered the team-teaching techniques in the humanities class. "It (humanities) was a beautiful class for me, because I find interdisciplanary learning stimulating," she explained.

When the school district was approved to implement an International Baccalaureate program in 1988, Scholz was an obvious choice for coordinator. As IB and National Honors Society coordinator, Scholz has been closely involved with a select group of Lincoln's brightest and most motivated students. "Any way you can teach kids on another level, as an adviser, a counselor, a friend, I find very satisfying," she said. "I was involved in their emotional lives, and that was the best."

Social studies teacher Mike Sweeney has known Scholz for 13 years. "She's empathetic and intellectual, has a rare blend of compassion for the emotional needs of students and an intuition about their intellectual potential," he commented. "She represents in one individual what any social studies teacher should strive for."

Scholz's retirement plans are a reflection of her intellectual orientation. "I plan to read novels for six months, and do nothing else," she joked. She also intends to "exercise a lot, cook wild things, and fly fish."

Paul Erickson

ADMINISTRATOR

In a matter of weeks, Administrative Vice Principal Paul Erickson will no longer set his alarm at 5:20 a.m. He is retiring from a 33-year educational career. "I love Lincoln," said Erickson, who has worked as a Lincoln administrator for three years, "I want to leave while I still love my job."

Before coming to Lincoln, Erickson was a vice principal at Benson for one year and was principal of Vocational Village High School for 12 years. He has held various teaching and educational positions in many states and has participated in a United Nations-sponsored educational program in Liberia. Erickson was also an education officer in Kenya. He served three years in the Army with an occupational specialty in Russian linguistics and has held positions as a United Nations technical expert and a British colonial civil servant.

> *"I love Lincoln...and I want to leave while I still love my job."*
>
> Paul Erickson
> RETIRING ADMINISTRATOR

While at Lincoln, Erickson has directed special education, discipline, attendance and counseling. Athletics and alcohol/drug counseling came under his authority last year when one vice principal was eliminated. He also served as the adviser for Executive Council. "Mr. Erickson has been a great adviser," said Student Body President Tawan Davis. "He is very thoughtful, reasonable and fair."

Always having travelled with the crowds, Erickson looks forward to having the opportunity to travel during the non-tourist season, and currently plans a trip to Central Europe. "There is a lot of the world I've not seen," he said. "I would like to travel off the beaten path."

Alice Gutknecht

MATH

Touring Eastern Turkey will be included in Alice Gutknecht's plans this summer after retiring from 21 years as a math teacher at Lincoln. "My teaching experience has been an enjoyable phase of my life," said Gutknecht, "and now it's time for me to move on to something else that will be equally enjoyable."

Gutknecht would like to be remembered as a teacher who cared about students and had high expectations. "I thought kids could do well if they applied themselves in class and I was willing to help them," she said. "There are a lot of extremes in this school. Some kids need a great deal of individual and others very little."

> *"My teaching experience has been an enjoyable phase of my life."*
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> Alice Gutknecht
> RETIRING MATH TEACHER

Gutknecht would like to see Lincoln continue its tradition of excellence, but is disillusioned by the budget crisis. "I would like (Lincoln) to continue to have the same quality of graduates we have had in the past, but I don't see that that will happen moneywise."

This summer, Gutknecht will tour England and Eastern Turkey and plans to volunteer as a math tutor in the future. "I think there is less opportunity for poorer students to excell in math," she explained. "I don't want to be paid for it, and I don't want to tutor for anyone who can afford a private tutor."

Mick Toner

SOCIAL STUDIES

After 16 years of riding the ups and downs of teaching at Lincoln, social studies teacher and roller coaster enthusiast Mick Toner is ready for the ride of his life. "I have particularly enjoyed the academic environment at Lincoln," he said. "And I appreciate the variety of being able to teach required classes at all levels."

Since arriving at Lincoln in 1981, Toner has taught Economics, Global Studies, and U.S. history.

Toner spent eight years as chairman of the Social Studies Department, and thinks that there is still room for improvement. "I really don't think our social studies department is as strong as it should be," he said. "We used to have more local control in the schools." Toner has spent 30 years in the district and has taught at Jackson and Adams high schools, now both closed.

Toner's plans for retirement include spending some time on the road, searching for the ultimate roller coaster thrill ride. "I still haven't seen as much of this country as I'd like to see," he commented.

He enjoys involvement with many hobbies, including membership in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and American Coaster Enthusiasts, a club for amusement park ride lovers.

Toner's ride into retirement promises to be his most thrilling yet.

Jeanette Swenson

ENGLISH

"I've always wanted to join the Peace Corps," said English teacher, Mrs. Jeannette Swenson. And after 19 years of teaching in Portland, Swenson will spend the next two years in Senegal, training natives to teach the English language at the high school level. She was inspired by her daughter, who joined the Peace Corps in Cameroon.

This summer marks Swenson's second trip to Africa. During her first, she taught English to all different groups of people in Morocco, from a group of engineers to children.

Swenson is contributing to a five-year Peace Corps project, aimed at increasing the numbers of educated women in Africa.

In her seven years at Lincoln, Swenson has taught classes from IB Senior English to her favorite, American Studies. Of the latter, Swenson says, "I like being able to teach both the history and the English." She has also served as an ISC adviser, a member of the Scholarship Committee, and the school NCTE coordinator for the last two years.

Swenson enjoys jogging and has participated in several marathons. "I finished every one," she said proudly.

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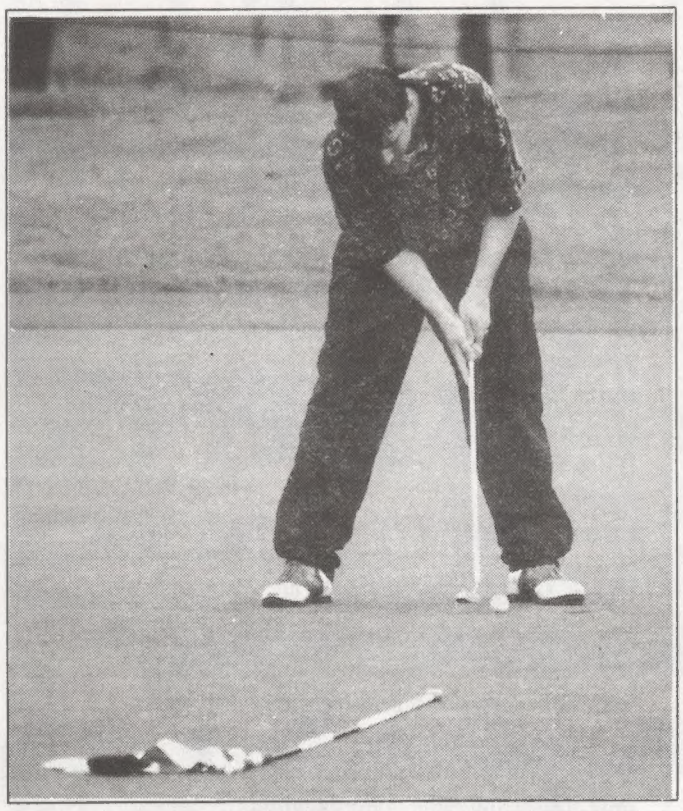
Ford Montgomery
BASKETBALL & GOLF



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Among senior Ford Montgomery's many accomplishments at Lincoln are his three letters in basketball, and four letters for golf.

Most recently, Montgomery led the Cardinals' golf team to a third-place finish at State. Individually, he finished tied for seventh with a score of 145 (72-73), earning himself a spot on the All-Tournament team.

Along with his many accomplishments, Montgomery was voted the senior athlete of the year.

Last year, Montgomery was runner-up at Districts, and was voted co-MVP with senior Eli Zackheim. He was also MVP his sophomore year, finishing eleventh at the State tournament at Trysting Tree in Corvallis.

Earlier this year, Montgomery was voted second-team All-City, received his third basketball letter, and was voted MVP for the second straight year. He was also named MVP for his freshman team, and "Best Offensive Player" his sophomore year when he swung JV and varsity.

"Sports in high school have been a great experience for me," said Montgomery. "Everything I learned and did have prepared me well for college."

Next year, Montgomery will play golf at the University of Oregon.

Gina Pieretti
B-BALL, TRACK, & SOCCER

Basketball,track, and soccer have been easy for senior Gina Pieretti, but now comes the hard part: how to fit 11 letters onto her letterman's jacket. Last month she was named outstanding female athlete in the Senior Class and is tied for having the most letters in her class. In soccer, Pieretti received Honorable Mention for soccer her junior year, and was voted First Team All-City this year.

"I feel that my greatest accomplishment was with our basketball team placing fifth in State last year," said Pieretti.

Among her other basketball achievements are First Team All-City and Third Team All-State her junior year, and First Team All-City and Honorable Mention in State this year. Her most recent accomplishment came on May 23-24 at the State track meet where she placed eighth in the javelin. One week earlier she won two PIL championships in both the shot put and javelin.

Along with many other accomplishments, Pieretti has been one of only two athletes to compete in a sport every season for four years.

Next year, she will play on both the soccer and basketball teams at Willamette University next fall.

Jenny Costa
TRACK

Jenny Costa has made her mark in Lincoln's history as the most successful female sprinter in the last 17 years.

On May 15, Costa won both the 100m and 200m PIL championships and also qualified for the State championships as a member on the second place 400m relay team.

On May 24, she raced to an overall third-place finish in State in the 100m and fourth-place finish in the 200m.

"Winning two events in Districts and going to State in three events is really memorable and fun; this is one of my accomplishments that I'm the most proud of," she said.

Since her freshman year at Grant, Costa has had many memorable moments, including winning the 100m race in JV District as a freshman. In her sophomore and junior year her relay team placed second and third in State respectively.

Costa will be red-shirting her freshman year in track at Howard University in Washington, D.C. to focus more on academics. She plans to major in either business or marketing. But running is not out of the picture for Costa. She will be starting up competition again as a sophomore.

Todd Merkens
SKIING

Senior Todd Merkens is the only national level Junior Olympic cross country skier in the city of Portland and will be taking his talent to Williams College next fall. Throughout his four years at Lincoln he has raced in many national events.

Merkens has qualified to compete in the Junior Olympics every year since he was a freshman, and in his junior year his relay team was fourth overall in the 14 and 15-year-old division at Nationals.

Merkens trains with a group of 14 other junior national level skiers in Bend during his summer breaks and sometimes on weekends and other breaks.

"I just go down there and train and hang out," he said. "It's pretty fun, because they're all my age and we really get along."

In the summer, Merkens competes in an annual summer biathalon, which involves running three miles and shooting at five targets after every mile.

Merkens was the first junior to finish in the top three in the National Series at last summer's adult competition.

Another of his activities is the annual, "Pole, Pedal, Paddle." He has competed on the Lincoln team which has won for the last two years as the competitor for the cross country ski leg.

Merkens plans to make the varsity cross country ski team at Williams College and hopefully qualify for the same event in the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City.

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Alex Briggs
SOCCER

For senior co-captain of the varsity soccer team, school sports don't stop in high school. Next year Alex Briggs will be playing on the varsity soccer team at Beloit College in Wisconsin.

Since his freshman year, Briggs has had many accomplishments ranging from playing on a second-division soccer team in Spain, where he was their leading scorer, to playing in tournaments in Europe.

"In Spain, during one of my first games, the crowd was making fun of me because I was an American, but five seconds later I scored and held my hands to the crowd," said Briggs. "I showed the Spaniards that Americans can play soccer, too."

Briggs turned down other offers from Macalaster College, Carleton College and Tufts University.

Ever since playing summer soccer in Europe as a freshman, Briggs sees himself playing in France in the summer of '98.

Lauren Thies
SWIMMING

Three national championships, four-time All-American, and a rank of14th in the world are just a few of the many accomplishments on champion swimmer Lauren Thies' resume. Thies has also won four individual State titles in the 200m and 500m freestyle, was voted MVP of the swim team, and led the Cardinals to a second-place finish at State this year.

"I really enjoy the atmosphere of high school swimming," said Thies. "Everyone is so enthusiastic and really supportive of each other."

Currently Thies is on the National B swim team, which requires a world ranking of 16th or better.

Thies swam for Lincoln in all but her junior year, when she was training for the Olympic Trials where she finished eighth. Thies missed the cut by two spots, and said that if she had swum the same time she did in the preliminaries, she would have made it.

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She plans on making another run to qualify for the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Swami's legacy
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With the departure of this year's editors, so goes the spirit of Swami as he ascends to a better place. Since the beginning of this year, the revolutionary creation of Swami has spawned into a school-wide fascination with our legendary master of prediction perfection. Here is the life of Swami, from beginning to end.

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Nancy Shelton

SECRETARY

After 13 years at Lincoln, Nancy Shelton will move on to new challenges and activities next year. While her husband finishes up his teaching career at Tualitan High School, Mrs. Shelton will work as a substitute secretary for the district for a year. After that she will plans to travel, and teach adults how to read as part of the Oregon Literacy Association. She leaves with good memories of the students and teachers she worked with, "There are so many great kids you have special contacts with," she said. "Kids here do generate excitement."

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Standing on the edge of tomorrow

JOEL FOWLKS

Tech Editor

It was supposed to be like *Saved by the Bell.* My high school life was going to be like my hero Zack's was on the popular Saturday morning program. His days were spent thinking of ways to exploit things for financial gain and his nights dating his girlfriend, Kelly, a beautiful model/cheerleader who never had a bad hair day. (Of course, she did get a zit once, but that is another column.) Anyway, once I got to Lincoln High School I found that it was unlike anything I'd ever imagined. True, it wasn't *Saved by the Bell.* It was better. And I'm really going to miss it.

Life at Lincoln was never dull. Maybe that is why I'm in no hurry to leave. I knew whether I was heading to the patio at break, or the gym at 7:30 p.m. that I would find someone to talk to or something to do. Be it a sporting event, a play, a budget rally, a press conference, or an international night, there was always something going on once I escaped the classrooms. I am proud to say I was a Lincoln student, and I will never forget the few times I got to be in the spotlight with my schoolmates, such as going to nationals with the Constitution team and going on TV to compete in the High Five Challenge. I have never once been happier than the day I got a base hit with the bases loaded and two out in an American Legion game and then scored the winning run when star second baseman Kurt Curtis tripled.

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I have learned so much in my years here: how to drive, to speak in public, talk my way out of a speeding ticket, wrestle, weightlift, juggle (almost), write coherently, and spell tough words like praseodymium. But most of all I realized how much fun high school can be and how many wonderful experiences you miss if you don't get involved.

I have a feeling too many of us, in looking foward to the fun and freedom of college, missed the fun of their last year in high school. Maybe that's why I wanted to be like Zack. He took everyday high school experiences and made them fun, because he believed that if something is worth doing, it's worth enjoying.

So there you have it: four years of lessons, knowledge and memories crammed into a column. I can not believe how long it has been since I was a 14-year-old fighting to make the freshman soccer team. Somehow, I dunno, it feels like it was only yesterday.

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